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THE CITY.

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS.

The counting room of THE GAZETTE will be open until 9 p. m. every day in the week. Advertisers will please bring in their favors before that hour.

The foreman of the composing room will accept after that hour only such advertisements as are accompanied by the cash at regular rates, as he has no authority to make, and knows nothing about existing contracts.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE.

Corrected daily by J. P. Nicks, with H. W. Williams & Co.

At 7 a. m.	45 deg. above zero
At 8 a. m.	51 deg. above zero
At 9 a. m.	60 deg. above zero
At 10 a. m.	62 deg. above zero
At 11 a. m.	54 deg. above zero
At 12 m.	52 deg. above zero

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1 A. M.—For Texas: Colder, fair weather, brisk to high northerly winds, with a cold wave.

PERSONAL.

Otis T. Bacon, a live citizen of Wichita Falls, was in Fort Worth yesterday. J. L. Watson, business manager of the Houston Post, was in the city yesterday. R. M. Johnston, managing editor of the Houston Post, was in the city yesterday. F. Grice, managing editor of the San Antonio Express, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Wither left yesterday for Denton, to be gone a week visiting friends. Dr. Ansell, now located at the Strawn mines, was in Fort Worth yesterday buying goods.

F. M. Cravens, one of the proprietors of the Waco Examiner, was in Fort Worth yesterday.

Colonel W. P. Gaines, one of the proprietors of the Austin Statesman, was in Fort Worth yesterday.

Colonel R. G. Lowe, managing editor of the Galveston and Dallas News, was in Fort Worth yesterday on his way to the Dallas convention.

A. T. Davidson, a prominent Panhandle citizen living at Amarillo, and a delegate to the state convention, called on THE GAZETTE last night.

Judge W. B. Plemons of Amarillo, a delegate to the state immigration convention from Potter county, made THE GAZETTE a pleasant call last night.

Captain B. B. Paddock goes to the state immigration convention to-day as a delegate from two counties. He represents his home county, Tarrant, and has been elected by Hood county also.

The following merchants were in the city yesterday, trading with Fort Worth wholesalers: Ben Valentine, Bedford; M. P. Claybrook, G. W. Brown, Joshua; G. W. Cappe, Covington; A. F. Cappe, Johnson Station; A. F. Alexander, Burlington; G. W. Prattler, Smithfield; William Rogers, of B. C. Roome & Co., Rome; L. M. Barkley, Bireville; Simon Akshazy, Kennedale; O. D. Goose-tree, Aurora; E. F. Hill, Alledo; Laviole of Laviole & Laviole, Keller; W. B. Dunn, Mansfield; V. B. Wilson, Meridian; R. H. Pierce, Seven Rivers; N. M.; S. P. Hamilton, Benbrook; S. J. Youngblood, Alvord; S. G. Lesley, Alvord; L. B. Brown, Smithfield; W. L. George, Roscoe; Wright of Wright & Co., Bear Creek; J. F. Clay, Strawn; S. B. Hamilton, Benbrook; Smith of Smith & Lewis, Keller.

LOCALETTES.

Haverly's minstrels at the opera house to-night. Secure your seats.

Secure your seats for the Haverly minstrel performance at the opera house to-night.

St. Andrew's Episcopal church property is being surrounded by a handsome iron fence.

The great Haverly's minstrels at the opera house to-night. Secure your seats in advance.

Get your seats in advance for Haverly's minstrel performance to-night at the opera house.

Elder A. Clark (of the Christian church) will preach at the Christian church Christmas day, morning and evening, at the usual hour.

H. W. Williams & Co. will give a free concert at their store to-morrow night and Saturday night, to which a cordial welcome is extended to everyone.

A Christmas entertainment will be given by the Fourth Street Methodist Sunday-school on Saturday night. The teachers of this Sunday-school will please meet at the church on Wednesday night.

The City Council will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the building formerly occupied by the First Baptist church, corner of Jennings avenue and Ninth street.

Fancy-colored or decorated candles are now considered the correct thing for illuminating at public dinners, receptions, balls, parties, weddings and social gatherings. The Fort Worth Grocer Company have a stock on hand, and sell them cheap—Christmas trees should not be without them. Orders by mail attended to promptly.

The ladies of Broadway Presbyterian church may congratulate themselves on the auspicious opening of their Christmas market last night. Mr. Seaton's building was tastefully decorated, and the tables were artistically arranged, and

there was a magnificent display of beautiful and appropriate holiday goods. There was a large assemblage of the friends of the church present. The new silver cornet band of the fire department, under the leadership of Professor Ault, discoursed sweet music during the evening which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The money for the stockyards has not all been raised yet. The committee keeps at work, but the matter is dragging. The directors are anxious to meet this week and begin work on the yards, but the stock must first be taken.

Don't fail to pay a visit to the Broadway church Christmas market. It will be open day and night the remainder of this week. There is no better place to find suitable Christmas presents for your friends. For the benefit of the children the fish pond will be open in the afternoon and at night. The Fire Department band will give a fresh selection of music to-night. An interesting and exciting feature of to-night's entertainment will be the contest for the Mayor of Fort Worth. The candidates are W. A. Huffman, J. P. Smith, Dr. Jackson, K. M. VanZandt and Joe Tatum. A gold-headed cane will be presented to the candidate obtaining the largest number of votes.

Texas Associated Press.

The members of the Texas Associated Press met in the editorial rooms of THE GAZETTE yesterday evening. The papers represented were the San Antonio Express, Dallas News, Galveston News, Houston Post, Austin Statesman, Waco Examiner and Fort Worth Gazette. Important business looking to the improvement of the press service was transacted.

Commissioners Court.

The County Commissioners met in regular session yesterday. The plans of the great bridge to North Fort Worth were shown to the court and it was urged that the Commissioners order the same built, the cost to the county to be one-third of the total cost. No decision was reached. Robert McCart was before the court asking for the opening of certain roads to West Fort Worth and the construction of a bridge. The matter was taken under advisement. The court will be in session again to-day.

FORT WORTH'S DELEGATION.

The Members Meet and Organize Themselves for Business.

A number of the delegates elected to attend the State Immigration Convention which meets to-day at Dallas, assembled at the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers bureau yesterday and organized for business. Major K. M. VanZandt was made chairman of the delegation. Captain B. B. Paddock, Robert McCart, were elected as spokesmen of the delegation. An executive committee of six, J. P. Smith, J. W. Swayne, T. B. Burbridge, F. J. Tatum, W. L. Malone and E. E. Chase was chosen. J. P. Alexander was made secretary of the delegation. A large number go over this morning.

CHAUTAUQUA CIRCLE.

A Very Interesting Programme for the Next Meeting.

Mrs. Robinson and her charming daughter, Miss Jennie, captured the hearts of all the members of the Chautauqua Circle by entertaining them so royally on last Friday evening.

The following programme will be rendered at the holiday meeting on next Friday night: Reading—"The Poor Relation's Story," or "Dr. Marleold," Mrs. Hollingsworth; music, Miss Atwell; paper—Famous Holidays in American History, J. M. Logan; reading—selections from Browning's "Christmas Eve," Miss Cushman; reading—"From My Elbow Chair," Miss VanZandt; music, Mrs. Faulk; recitation—"The Concord Writers," conducted by Mrs. Moore.

Each member will prepare a Christmas card bearing a greeting, which will be passed to another member as a gift.

One interesting feature will be the telling of Christmas stories bearing upon some holiday season. A general good time is expected. The circle will meet at Mrs. Hollingsworth's residence, 515 East Second street.

WHAT IS NEEDED.

Rev. B. M. Baker Gives His Ideas on the Immigration Question.

Ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction B. M. Baker was seen at the Pickwick last night and questioned about the Panhandle and the immigration movement. Mr. Baker lives at Canadian. He says there is much of the land in the counties around Canadian which are agricultural lands, and have been so classified. Settlers are coming in daily and taking up school sections. In some cases they go inside pastures and find the lease law no barrier. In fact, the cattlemen do not object to the settlers, and in many cases permit them to milk their cows. One thing regarding the settlement of that section is the impression abroad that the settler could not get his rights, when just the contrary is true. He is fully protected in every respect.

"What do you think the railroads should do to aid settlement?"

"I think they should give cheap rates to Texas and the tickets should be round trip tickets. There are three lead grant railroads which should do something in addition to giving low rates, they should give money if necessary to aid immigration. For the other roads low rates would be enough to ask."

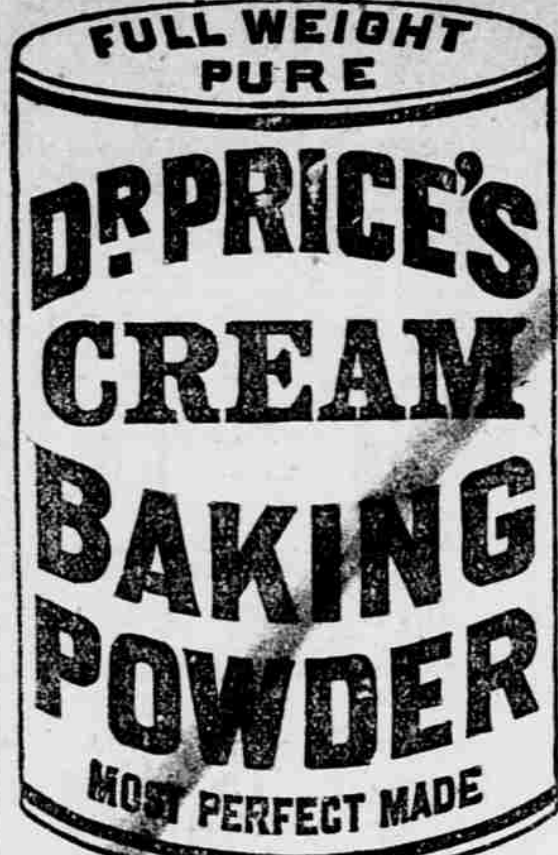
"I feel that the railroads deserve considerable credit for the work they did in advertising after the state had determined to do nothing in this direction. The roads were certainly very liberal. With the people of Texas at work sending out statistics and advertising matter, the railroads with their cheap rates added, would accomplish what is desired."

"What plan have you thought of for managing immigration?"

"I would have a state organization with permanent headquarters at some railroad center, and Fort Worth being this, and being nearest to the vast area which needs settlers is probably the best place to establish these headquarters. I would have an organization in each Senatorial district from which the county organizations would obtain their authority and which they would report, but all should be subject to the state organization. The county organizations could prepare the necessary statistics, furnish information needed as to lands untitled, the price of same, and take care of the immigrants when they come. Some such plan as this would accomplish what is desired."

"What are Canadian's prospects?"

"Canadian will surely be the great city



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of the Panhandle. We have the only water in that section, and it is in abundance. We are on the Kansas Southern, and have every prospect of securing a line of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and possibly the Frisco. You are safe in telling the people that Canadian will be a great commercial center.

Sans Tache Diamonds.

I will have on exhibition at R. Cohn's, corner Second and Main, a fine lot of these celebrated diamonds, mounted in the most artistic and modern styles. These stones have been the first prize wherever exhibited. They are not so costly as the Brazilian or African diamonds, but have all their sparkle, luster and brilliancy. The exhibit will open to-morrow. DR. EXON BARCA.

Open at Night.

We will keep our store open from this date until Christmas until 9 o'clock at night for the benefit of those who do not have time to buy during the day. We have a large variety of articles suitable for presents. Call and see us. J. M. HARTSFIELD & Co.

Challenge.

A young pugilist of Fort Worth, weight 185 pounds, would like to meet any pugilist of Texas with light gloves, Queensbury rules, to fight from \$50 to \$250 per side and entire gate receipts. Would prefer to meet a Dallas man. To show good faith, \$25 is deposited in the City National bank of Fort Worth, subject to forfeit. For particulars address D. F. Mountain, 1609 Main street, Fort Worth, Tex.

If you are going to give Xmas presents, call and see the elegant display at Pitt's, next to postoffice.

The great Panhandle 5 cent cigar stands at the head of the procession. We have sold over 5000 in the short time we have handled them to everyone's satisfaction. Come and try them and be convinced. DASHWOOD & ORCH.

Holiday goods are being sold by Threlkeld & Lyne regardless of cost.

If you are going to give Xmas presents, call and see the elegant display at Pitt's, next to postoffice.

Threlkeld & Lyne for pure drugs and low prices.

Please examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere and I will save you money. L. C. PITT, Next to Postoffice.

Fine, assorted home-made candies. Three (3) pounds for \$1. CAPERA & BRO.

In making presents select new goods; all of which can be found at Conner's.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Dr. Frank M. Mullins, opposite postoffice.

Go to Threlkeld & Lyne, the druggists, for holiday goods.

Please examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere and I will save you money. L. C. PITT, Next to Postoffice.

Mothers, do not endanger the lives of the children. Get Capera & Bro.'s pure, fresh, home-made candies. No adulteration. Three pounds for \$1.

Special Notice.

This is a celebrated and favorite PANHANDLE TEA presented to the public as our very best tea, the superiority of higher priced "Prima" teas being found only in the price. The Princess embraces all the choice brands of green and black teas. A combination of eight of the finest brands harmoniously blended. Sold only in packages. TURNER & McCLURE.

Conner & Co. warrant their holiday prices to be as low as any in the city, besides giving you fresh goods.

No trouble to show goods, and a number of clerks always ready to wait on customers at L. C. Pitt's, next to postoffice.

Holiday goods very low at Threlkeld & Lyne.

As usual, go to Conner's and buy your presents. You know what their goods are, and their prices are bound to suit.

No trouble to show goods, and a number of clerks always ready to wait on customers at L. C. Pitt's, next to postoffice.

Liberty and Grand Lamps. All styles and prices to please you at the Fort Worth China Co's. See this crystal palace.

Conner & Co. will duplicate all prices for holiday goods, it is their stock.

Never let a chance to save money escape. It is everyone's duty to buy where they can get things cheapest. L. C. PITT, Next to Postoffice.

Dressing cases from 50c to \$32, at Wells' drug store, 100 Houston street.

Are You Looking for Bargains?

COME AND PRICE OUR GOODS, VISIT EVERY DEPARTMENT, AND INSPECT OUR BARGAINS.

EXTRA BARGAINS THIS WEEK!

See our line of novelties in Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs and Neckwear.

Extra Bargains in Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

Lace Bed Sets at Half Price.

Big reduction in Children's Plush Caps.

Lace Curtains at Half Price. Now is the time to buy.

Bargains in Velvets.

Bargains in Satins.

We are offering extra Bargains this week in Plush, Silk and Astrakan Wraps.

Bargains in Clothing Department! Bargains in Shoe Department! Bargains in Hat Department! Bargains in Every Department!

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF! RANDALL & CHAMBERS CO.

For Holiday REMEMBRANCES

Silk Mullers.

Silk and Satin Suspender's.

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

A 1 Sh. plain Neckwear.

Smoking Jackets.

Dressing Gowns.

Fine Underwear.

Overcoats and Suits.

For Men, Boys & Children.

Fine Hats and Vestments.

And numerous other things quite appropriate for a Christmas present, and all at reduced prices.

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The Fashion Bazaar.

Dress Goods.

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Trimming.

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Best Quality.

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Newest styles.

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Beautiful Cloaks.

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Velvet, Plush and Silk.

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Mrs. C. D. Brown has filled her

Fashion Bazaar with a full assortment

of new Millinery and goods

for Ladies' wear, and has reduced

her prices to and below cost for

the holiday season. 316 Houston

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Rouvan's, Dallas, Tex., at wholesale or

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beauty of designs and patterns. My

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please the most fastidious, and cannot

fail to give satisfaction to any one who

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Although just opening here in Dallas, I

have been nearly twenty years in the

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Antonio, and my many friends in Fort

Worth will testify their satisfaction in

dealing with me. The repairing of

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supervision. L. ROUVANT,

Practical Gem and watch maker, corner

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No auction at Conner's book store, and

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Never let a chance to save money

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Saving your entire 100 per cent. by buy-

ing holiday goods at Conner's.

Opera House.

G. H. DASHWOOD, Manager.

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Haverly's Minstrels.

Under the personal supervision and sole man-

agement of W. S. Cleveland.

The Comedians—Lew Spencer, Harry Arm-

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Edward Manning and James Kostum.

The management finds extreme pleasure in

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Unquestionably the largest and best comic

opera organization in America, the famous

Carleton Opera Company,

W. H. Carleton and Sixty Associated Artists in

the following operatic craze

"ERMINIE."

The most phenomenal success in the history of

some opera. Sale of seats will begin on Mon-

day, December 19. Scale of Prices—Reserved

seats and admittance on lower floor, \$1.50; re-

served seats balcony, \$1; admittance, but only

75c; gallery, 50c.

December 23 and 24,

LOUIS JAMES

—AND—

Marie Wainwright!

Friday Night—OTHELLO.

Saturday Matinee—GREYHEN.

Saturday Night—HAMLET.

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Low Prices will sell Goods, YOU KNOW, and I have a large stock